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WITH ENVIRONMENTALLY LIMITED
VIABILITY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial Number 08/761,769, filed December 6, 1996, which matured into U.S. Patent Number 6,610,529, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial Number 08/473,789, filed June 7, 1995. The present application was filed to receive consideration in the USPTO of additional embodiments disclosed and/or restricted in the parent application.

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination on the merits.

The present amendments follow the revised format procedure mandated in 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, published June 30, 2003.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.